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A WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY.

Anent the recent killing of the negro Mark Smith, a white man was heard to remark on the street today that he believed that this, (meaning Abbeville County and South Carolina) was a white man's country, but somehow they made sad mistakes in running it.

It was the aim of our forefathers when they settled America to make it a white man's country, with all that the term implies, a place where they could live under the guidance of their own consciences, a free, untrammelled and upright existence, their own rights established and the rights of others respected. Conditions like that bred men, big men—pioneers in empire building, and they build well. There were mistakes and imperfections, but the big idea was right—unalterably right; it was a free country for free men, governed by themselves. The imperfections are common to all the races of men—ignorance, intolerance, selfishness and prejudice. Many of the imperfections have been dissolved by time, but a few remain.

The outstanding mistake was made in 1619, just three hundred years ago, when the first negro slaves were landed at Jamestown. Even at the time there were those wise enough to see that it was a mistake, but the negro fitted in well with conditions then; the kind of labor he was able to give was badly needed in the colonies and soon slavery was firmly established from New England to Florida. The North was favored by circumstances; slavery was found unprofitable and was abolished.

The Civil War abolished slavery in the South, but left us with the negro, ignorant, superstitious and brutish. Negro domination threatened during the Reconstruction period. In 1876, when Hampton was elected governor, it was the best element among the white people that triumphed. They were ably led, they knew what they wanted and they were seldom led to excesses. These white men knew the negro, knew his good qualities, knew his weaknesses—knew how to handle him. But there was another element among the white people that began to show itself toward the end of the reconstruction period. It was an element chiefly identified by ignorance, a kind of ignorance that tends to shiftlessness, leads to envy and holds to the belief that its rights are always being trodden upon. This element is common to all sections of our country and shows itself in I. W. W.-ism, Bolshevism and terrorism of all sorts. It is the fruits of ignorance—nothing else.

With us this element has given expression to the class spirit, which it has developed, by terrorizing the negroes. The negroes are not blameless. They, too, are ignorant, but they are more tractable, more easily led and if rightly dealt with would give little trouble. These outbursts against the negro have shown themselves sporadically ever since reconstruction days. True there have been instances where the negro has committed frightful crimes, but in the main these have served only to give a thin excuse for the many atrocities that have been meted out to negroes for little reason at some times, and no reason at other times.

At no time is mob rule justified and in nine cases out of ten where it has prevailed in the South there has not only been no palliation for it, but it has accomplished murder under the most harrowing of circum-

stances and for the most part the guilty white men have escaped punishment. The mobs have only vented their unreasoning rage on the hapless negro, no end is gained and the situation is more muddled than before.

The gruesome details of the Mark Smith murder but show the length to which certain white men will go in the consummation of their crimes. One would think that we were living among the "unspeakable" Turks, not in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Surely murder and the mutilation of dead bodies could find no more horrible example anywhere than the case we have to deal with.

It is time to make this a "white man's country." It can only be accomplished when there is respect for life and law; when mob rule becomes as intolerable to our citizens as the atrocities of the Hun in Belgium, when ignorance shall be abolished and a love of justice shall prevail. It can never be a white man's country as long as the rights of any people are downtrodden.

We are of the opinion that the coroner's jury in the Mark Smith case will take action. An investigation is in order and we believe it will be forthcoming.

WHAT IS LIFE WORTH?

Within the past two weeks these things have happened in South Carolina:

In Barnwell county one white man killed another in a row over a dog.

In Abbeville county one negro killed another in a row over a debt of one dollar.

In Orangeburg county, according to a dying declaration, a white man killed another, because the latter's negro driver, while scraping the road, drove too close and caused the singletree to knock three pickets off a fence.

In Abbeville county a little band of white men murdered in cold blood a negro who had been acquitted by a South Carolina jury of the charge of shooting a white man.

Why is human life so cheap in South Carolina?

When is human life going to be safe in South Carolina?

When will South Carolina put a stop to this species of Bolshevism at home?—Greenville Piedmont.

**"DIE WACH"—
AMERICAN MOVEMENT**

Since the American soldiers are conducting their own watch on the Rhine, and since a certain amount of talk in German is necessary up with the Army of Occupation, "Die Wacht am Rhein" is no longer contraband. In fact, Lieut. Nathan Harris, of the First Division as well as Newark, N. J., has put together a tuneful comedy under that title.

The play started on the Y. M. C. A. circuit of huts in the First Division to fill up that constant demand for more shows to amuse the soldiers. The show reveals, in the first set, a small German village; second set, German wirtschafft; third act, German dance hall. "There's nothing like local color in entertaining the boys up here," figures Lieut. Harris.

DEATH.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buford have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their little baby which occurred Saturday night. The baby was nine weeks old, had never been a strong child and had been seriously sick for the past three weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday at 1 o'clock and the interment was at Melrose cemetery.

SERIAL OMITTED.

On account of a heavy run of advertisements the serial, "The Green Fancy", which has been running in each issue, was omitted in today's paper.

BIRTHS.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Schroeder, Sunday afternoon, June 15, 1919, a daughter.

FARM LANDS FOR SALE.....

401 1-4 ACRES—3 miles from Abbeville. One Dwelling, four tenant houses—1 four-room, 2 three-room and 1 two-rooms—and all necessary out-houses. Fine Pasture, a good lot of saw Timber. Plenty wood. The place is well watered. Fine bottom land on the place. Eight horse farm open.
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155 ACRES—9 miles from Abbeville. Good residence; two tenant houses; gin house and all necessary out-houses. Nearly all the place perfectly level. Stream runs through place. Some fine bottom lands. School 1-4 and church 2 1-2 miles.
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293 ACRES—10 miles from Abbeville. This place is level. No rolling land. Fine pasture in which there is White, Red and Burr clover, also Blue Grass. 1-4 mile from school, 3 miles from church. Quantities of wood. Some saw timber. The place is well watered. About 100 acres in cultivation. Price **\$50.00 Per Acre**

40 ACRES—About six miles from Abbeville, no improvements, all in wood and timber.
Price **\$25.00 Per Acre**

227 1-2 ACRES—11 miles from Abbeville. This is a splendid piece of property. A lot of saw timber on this place. Price **\$17.50 Per Acre**

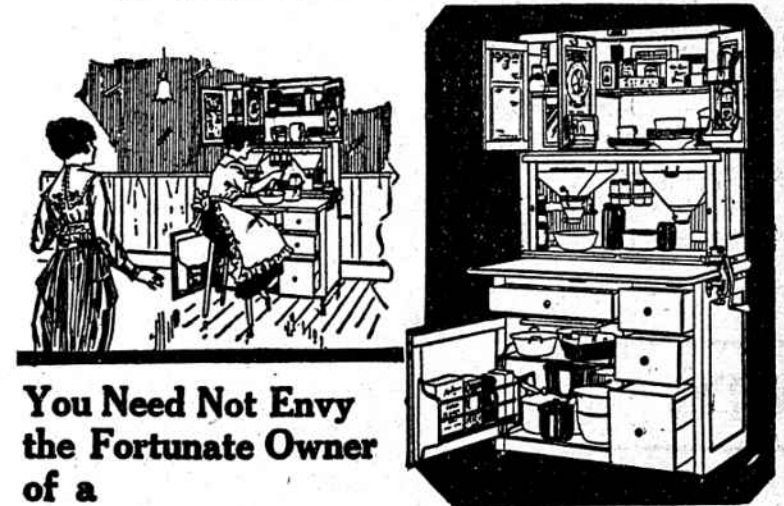
100 1-2 ACRES—12 miles from Abbeville. Good Residence and out buildings. It is well watered and plenty of wood and timber.
Price **\$30.00 Per Acre**

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Buckles

Three Styles of Buckles:—Brown, Black and Fancy.

Hosiery

Ladies' Beautiful Silk Hosiery—Black, Brown and White—in all Sizes. These Hose Were Bought Some Time Before The Advance. We Intend to Give You the Benefit. Prices: \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50.

Neckwear

An Assortment of Neckwear Unequaled in Pattern and Quality Arrived This Morning—75c and \$1.00.

Handkerchiefs

A Large Shipment Men's and Women's Handkerchiefs in Mercerized and Pure Linen.

Wash Suits

In Colors and Staple—Cool and Durable for the Kids.

Collars

A New Shipment of Soft Collars—In fact a New Shipment of Everything that a person wishes at this time of the year, direct from our buyer who is now in New York.

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